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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2. Amendment

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#### AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed **August 12, 2003**.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action be extended for a period of 3 months from November 13, 2003 to February 12, 2004. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$950.00.

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension fees, estimated to be \$950.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 12, 2004

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 207-236 are pending in the present application. Claims 222 and 223 have been amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.